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In re Application of:)
DENNIS P. CURRAN ET AL.)
Serial No. 09/602,105) **FLUOROUS TIN COMPOUNDS AND
METHODS OF USING FLUOROUS TIN
COMPOUNDS**
Filed: June 22, 2000)
Art Unit: 1621)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION OF DENNIS P. CURRAN

I, Dennis P. Curran, hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/602,105.
2. I am also one of the authors of Curran et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 121, pp. 6607-6615 (Published on the Web 07/02/1999) ("Curran et al."), cited by the Examiner.

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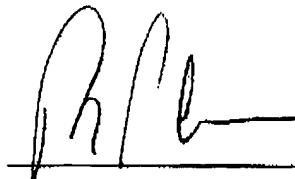
Although the authorship of Curran et al. is different from the inventorship of the present patent application, the authors of Curran et al. who are not inventors herein (Sabine Hadida and Sun-Young Kim) were included as authors in the Curran et al. paper for work on compounds of the formula $[Rf(CH_2)_n]_3SnH$ and are not authors with respect to work on compounds of the formula $[Rf-(CH_2)_n]Me_2SnH$. Only the inventors of the present invention, Dennis P. Curran and Zhiyong Luo, are inventors/authors of the compounds of the formula $[Rf-(CH_2)_n]Me_2SnH$. Therefore, with respect to the case of compounds of the formula $[Rf-(CH_2)_n]Me_2SnH$, the authorship/inventorship of the Curran et al. reference and the inventorship of the present patent application is identical.

5. I am also one of the authors of Bucher et al., Tetrahedron Letters, Vol. 41, pp. 9617-9621 (Published December 2, 2000), cited by the Examiner. The inventive entity of Dennis P. Curran and Zhiyong Luo in the present invention is correct. Brian Bucher worked under the direction of me in performing some studies of fluorous compounds including a compound of the formula $(C_6F_{13}CH_2CH_2)_2SnO$ after the invention date of the present invention. Brian Bucher is not an inventor of the present invention.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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